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THE S. S. *Glenlyon* having arrived from the above Port, Commissaries of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai and Japan, unless notice be given before Two o'clock To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after 21st instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co. Hongkong, May 14, 1878. my21

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the Undersigned. Cargo are hereby informed that unless the same be taken delivery of within one month from this date it will be sold to pay expenses.

Ex *Argentino*, 20th April, 1877. M., 10 Cases, Ex *Elgin*, 26th May, 1877.

W S (in diamond) 8 Cases. D S & Co. (in diamond) 1 Box.

JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co. 7, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 6, 1878. my21

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. M. S. GUBBAY in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December, 1877.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co. Shanghai, May 11, 1878. my20

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 27th May, 1878, at Noon, on the Premises.

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Goods remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 18th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. H. du POUEY, Agent. Hongkong, May 13, 1878. my18

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, May 13, 1878. my18

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Hongkong, May 13, 1878. my18

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI & YOKOHAMA. The Steamship "GLENLYON" Captain WALLACE, will be despatched as above TOMORROW, the 16th Instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co. Hongkong, May 15, 1878. my16

FOR YOKOHAMA (DIRECT). The Steamship "GLAMIS CASTLE" will be despatched as above Port, on or about WEDNESDAY Next, the 22nd instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, May 15, 1878.

FOR AMOY. The Steamship "MACTAN" ERQUAGA, Master, shortly due, will have quick despatch for the above Port. For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, May 15, 1878.

FOR HONOLULU. The A 1 American Bark "FRANK MARION" ELDRIDGE, Master, will load for the above Port, and have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, May 15, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 American Ship "GREAT ADMIRAL" BENJ. THOMPSON, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will be despatched to the above port on June 6th. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, May 15, 1878.

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CONSIGNEES of cargo par S. S. CITY OF PEKING, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Company at their risk and expense. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, May 15, 1878.

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J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, May 15, 1878. my27

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And also, ON THE SAME DAY, ALL THE FURNITURE & EFFECTS Belonging to the same.

For Particulars, apply to the AUCTIONEERS, BOURNE & CO. Yokohama, May 4, 1878. my22

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taste, even such delicate things can be manipulated so as to gratify and encourage all parties concerned.

The Batteries on the Western part of the island are rapidly approaching completion. The one at Bonham Road is to have three guns, one of which is the 12-ton "infant" which occasioned so much trouble in its transit. It now lies at the Battery ready for mounting. The guns are all of the Naval type. The Battery Road battery is to have two guns, the carriage of one of which is already in position and the other will be so in a day or two. The work at West Point is not so far advanced as that on the other sites, as a new road has had to be cut and a number of hovels removed before operations could be commenced. This battery is also to have two guns and sheet-legs have been erected nearly opposite Messrs Howard & Co.'s premises to land them from boats. One of the guns of the Bonham Road Battery commands both the Ly-ee-moon Pass and Green Island Pass, while the other two sweep the Harbour East of Stonecutter's Island and the Ly-ee-moon Pass. The guns at Battery Road command the western entrance, and can be trained to cover a considerable portion of the Harbour. West Point Battery commands the whole of the western entrance to the eastern end of the Stonecutter's Island. We believe that a number of men of the 7th have been trained to heavy gun drill. The removal of a number of the hovels at West Point to form the new road has been a decided improvement, the filth that was formerly met with there being something beyond description.

We are requested to state that "with the concurrence of the Officer Commanding the Troops, His Excellency the Governor has appointed Captain J. H. Dempster, 28th Regiment, to the command of the Hong-kong Volunteer Corps in course of formation."

As we have previously mentioned Capt. Dempster was some time ago singled out by those interested as the most eligible Commandant of Volunteers as well on account of his popularity as for his other qualities; and there is nothing very surprising in this circumstance. The element of popularity in a commander must be a much more important provocative of efficiency and success in a volunteer than in a regular corps; and if anything had been wanting, after the recent plans of the Government have been published, to ensure the success of the Volunteer movement, the fact that a popular officer has been placed in command seems to us to supply that want. Captain Dempster is at the same time as efficient a soldier as he is an estimable gentleman who will command the respect of those serving under him. He is admirably fitted for the work, having served as adjutant of his own regiment (the 28th) for many years, and for five years as adjutant at Alderhot.

HEDD & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 11th May, 1878.—

Arrivals During the Week.—May 5, Glenfalloch, from Hongkong; 5, Glenroy, from Hongkong; 5, Kwang-tung, from Hongkong; 9, Dougla, from Hongkong; 10, Glenfinlas, from Hongkong; 10, Braemar Castle, from Shanghai; 10, Tah Yew, from Shanghai.

Departures During the Week.—May 4, Europe for Shanghai; 5, Tah Yew, for Shanghai; 5, Yesso, for Hongkong; 7, Kwang-tung, for Hongkong.

Shipping in Port.—Glenfalloch, Glenroy, Dougla, Glenfinlas, Braemar Castle, Tah Yew.

The Russians have made great preparations for the protection of Vladivostock. There are at present 4,500 cavalry and 1,500 infantry at Ussuri, 1,500 infantry at Amoerski, and 2,800 infantry, 600 artillery, and 2,500 marines in the eastern part of Siberia. There are four men-of-war on the sea, and the entrance of the port is stocked with torpedoes. Whenever a vessel arrives, it is piloted into port by a man-of-war, to enable it to pick its way without coming into collision with a torpedo.—*Japan Herald*.

A PARIS correspondant of the *Paris Mail Gazette* describes the Japanese and Chinese workmen at the Paris exposition: "Those who take a delight in the march of progress will be glad to hear that the Japanese masons have discarded the clothing of their country, and assumed the shoddy trousers of enlightenment. Their foreman, who wears a fine under and smokes manilla, a well-informed gentleman, speaking excellent English, and looks down upon the Chinese, who have got no further than the pigeon jargon. These simple beasters have twisted their pig-tails into fist cakes at the backs of their heads, and wear blue buggie breeches and wooden-soled shoes, having no consciousness, apparently, of how supremely ridiculous they must seem to their more forward rivals from Yedo."

A LETTER has been published in the *Paris Mail Gazette*, sounding a terrific tocsin of warning over the departure of the Japanese iron-clads from England. It is all a deep-laid Russian scheme, this writer would have it appear. "At this moment," he says, "Russia has a treaty with Japan which practically amounts to an offensive and defensive alliance," and "an ally of Japan will be considerably strengthened in naval forces by the arrival of these three well-built craft in the Pacific Ocean." It is evident that the alarmist knows the effect that can be produced by bold and extreme assertions, no matter how flimsy their foundation may be. *Nobody* is likely to believe

that his statement as to the "offensive and defensive" alliance, because nobody knows any more about it than, probably, he himself does. But, notwithstanding the absence of corroborative evidence, announcements of this sort are always sure to fan themselves more or less strongly upon public credulity, and are almost certain to work their little share of mischief.

It may safely be asserted that no person is in a position to speak authoritatively about any secret relations of Japan and Russia; yet if the idea should get abroad that the presence of the new ships of war is to excite an injurious influence upon British interests in this vicinity, the consequences might be calamitous. The heedless correspondent invents an alliance of a specific character, and then declares that it is made especially "valuable to Russia by these formidable iron-clads." The same kind of flighty assumption has displayed itself here in Japan. Only a few days ago we had the story of a proposal by Russia to occupy a part of Kin Shin, together with a neat contingent programme of British blockade. The truth is, as every one may see who will look fairly at the condition of things, that absolute neutrality, in the event of war, is a vital necessity for this empire. The slightest deviation therefrom would be little better than a step toward self-destruction. If the European powers must proceed to extremities—which is yet by no means a certainty—the government of Japan will rigorously maintain an attitude of impartiality which neither side can assail. As for the plated ships, the orders for which were given long before the peace of Europe was threatened, their work is doubtless laid out for many years to come, and without the slightest reference to the quarrels of western potentates.—*Tokio Times*.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

May 16, 1878.

DRUNKENNESS. Charles Smith, fireman, U. S. S. Ranger, was charged with the above offence, and was simply cautioned and discharged.

LARCENY.

Ching Aying, a coolie, was sent to eight weeks' hard labour for stealing a jacket. Accused had been previously convicted.

Cheng Ayan, a coolie, was sent to three months' hard labour for stealing bread from the French Bakery. He also had been previously convicted.

Ng Atak, a coolie, was sent to 21 days' hard labour for stealing a hoe.

FALSE WEIGHTS.

Mahomed Ally, storekeeper, 64 Hollywood Road, was fined \$30 for having false weights in his possession, and selling ghee with the weights.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honor James Russell, Esq., Acting Puisne Judge.)

May 17, 1878.

Wong Shun v. E. Spitz, \$241.09.—This case was adjourned from yesterday, and was a claim for money advanced by the plaintiff, who is Compradore to Messrs Wm. Pustau & Co., to the defendant, who is a shipping clerk to the same firm. The defendant did not deny liability, but claimed as a set-off the value of two silver cups and one telescope which he alleged had been stolen from his room by one of the servants, and as the plaintiff as Compradore guaranteed to make good all losses of this nature, defendant contended that he should be held liable in this case.

W. v. Pustau was called, and from his evidence it was shown that the Compradore had been in the employment of the firm for over 20 years, and that there was a general understanding that he would have to pay for all depredations committed by the servants; but it could not be shown that the articles missing by the defendant were stolen by the servants, so His Lordship gave judgment for the amount claimed, with costs.

China.

FOOCHOW. (Herald, May 15th.) The S. S. Braemar Castle, hourly expected from Shanghai, will, we understand, go into dock immediately after her arrival at Pagoda Anchorage.

The S. S. S. Glenfalloch, arrived at Pagoda Anchorage on the 5th instant. These vessels will, we believe, take the berth for London so soon as the tea market is opened. As a number of other vessels are expected shortly, there is every probability that the rate of freight will rule at the outset.

We hear that pressing commands have reached the Provincial Government to remit funds as quickly as possible to Peking. The officials are, we understand, on the horns of a dilemma, anxiously awaiting the resumption of tea duty payments. Arsenal expenditure is to be greatly reduced, and it is said that forced contributions from the gentry and trading classes will be levied shortly.

One of the commanders of the Mamot Arsenal Fleet, who for some time past has been connected with building operations at the foot of Manoo Hill, is, we are informed, under arrest on a charge of tampering with certain graves in that locality. The offence is a serious one under Chinese law, and it is rumoured that the authorities have had considerable difficulty in preventing the aggrieved persons from demolishing the property of the accused.

During her last trip from Hongkong—while between that port and Swatow—the S. S. Kwang Tung was, we hear, in collision with a Chinese junk. The *Kwang Tung* was, it is stated, in her right course when the native craft ran into her, slightly damaging the steamer's bulwarks and breaking one of her boats. The junk sank soon afterwards, but owing to the exertions of Captain Finchard, who stood by the wreck for nearly three hours, the entire crew, with a few passengers, numbering in all eighteen souls, were saved.

In January last a subscription list was circulated here, requesting aid for the Hongkong Diocesan Home and Orphanage to discharge a debt incurred by necessary repairs to the Building. The Committee of the Institution have recently published their Report for 1877-78, in which they specially acknowledge the handsome donation received from Foochow in answer to their appeal, and we are requested to state that they offer publicly their best thanks to those persons

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